

City of Brownsdale

Garden Spot of Mower County

Mayor – Jeff Foster Council Members – Gene Crabtree, Debra Schuette, Jessica Bakken, Rick Smith

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City Council Regular Meeting May 6th, 2019

Mayor Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeff Foster; Council Members: Gene Crabtree, Debra Schuette, Rick Smith, Jessica Bakken,

City Employees: City Librarian: Deb Smith, City Clerk: Adria Vargas,

and Police Chief: Jon Smerud (absent), City Maintenance: Wayne Baldner

Public in attendance: Loren Swanson, Jenelle Parks, Aaron Port, Jan Ball, Mary Mortiz, Gene Tindal, April Bakken, Ardis Jensen, Don Konken, Will Schiell

April 1st, 2019 meeting minutes stood approved as written

Public Comment:

April Bakken commented to the Council that there is a large frost bubble out in the road at the trailer court/ Vista Village. She would appreciate that the City would take of that. The Council stated that a message went out to all of them early in the day to drive out and inspect the area of concern. The council will have Wayne call Husemoller excavating to dig it out and refill as needed until bids can be obtained from Rochester Sand and Gravel and Blackstone for the street repair. Tabled until bids are obtained.

Will Schiell from Gas and Go of Brownsdale LLC. Asked the city for approval of a 2019 Tobacco License. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to grant a tobacco license to Gas and Go of Brownsdale LLC. For the cost of \$25.00. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

Ardis Jensen approached the Council on behalf of the Brownsdale Business Association asking for consideration of a City beautification project fund. She stated that she would like to see the City allot \$2500.00 per year for flowers, planters, flags, banners and Christmas lights and decorations. The Council stated that they would be happy to look at individual items as needed but not to dedicate a specific fund. The Council stated that flowerpots and soil could be purchased to make the city look appealing this Spring and Summer. Ardis stated that Robin Akkerman generally plants the flowers. She would be asking about this in order to have the pots ready by Memorial Day. Wayne will purchase the pots on behalf of the City. Deb and Rick Smith will purchase the soil on behalf of the City when in Rochester.

The Council read an email from the Frontier Lounge asking for the 2019/2020 liquor license. The letter asked for the 2019/2020 license and also asked that the amount be reduced. After consideration the Council granted the license but denied the request for the reduction. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to grant the Liquor license, Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday to the Frontier Lounge of Brownsdale for a total amount of \$1200.00 dollars. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 4 Yeas, 1 Nay (Bakken). Carried.**

Public Works Report:

Wayne reported to the Council that Maguire Iron will be coming to clean the water tower late May or early June. He asked what preparations would need to be done before hand. Specifically how long it takes to drain the tower so that it will be ready right away when they arrive to clean it. The Mayor stated that the City will still have water it will by-pass the tower and go directly to the Mains. The Mayor stated that it would take about an hour and half to fully drain the tower.

Wayne stated that he had spoken to Mark Hansen about the drainage problem on Latham Street. Tabled to allow the County time to do their observations.

Wayne presented the bid from SEMA for a Snowblower attachment to the Council in the amount of \$3,999.00. He stated that with this attachment he would be able to clean the sidewalks at the park and the sidewalks up by City Hall and around the lift station. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to approve the purchase of a new snowblower attachment for the John Deere 4400 from SEMA equipment for \$3,999.00 Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5 Yeas ,0 Nays. Carried.**

Wayne told the Council that he had contacted Roto-Rooter due to a back up issue on Grove Street, Scott verbalized to Wayne the need to televise the storm sewers. The bid for this would be the same as televising the Sanitary Sewers. Wayne was directed to get a contract and to have them start when in town on Cedar St, North California and Grove St.

Wayne brought the Council a bid from Morem for Spring weed abatement. The Council asked for other bids and this topic was tabled waiting for further information and bids.

Wayne explained that the park sign/ Gerbig Park sign will be removed from its current location reserved and mounted in block with stone and moved to the side of the Pavilion.

Wayne visited with the Council about the work that needs to be done on Fremont street with the Curb stops for Grever and the distance of the curb boxes and the properties they service. The Council decided to move forward and purchase new curb boxes and extended them to the properties they service to comply with City policy.

City Police Officer's Report: available at the City Clerk's office upon request.

Library:

Deb Smith stated that the Library approved the purchase of ink pens that she passed out to everyone on the Council bench. Deb stated that it amounted to a lot more work and time. Due to considering ordering from a company over the phone or internet. She stated that when its too good to be true it is probably is. After all of this decided to go with Games People Play and to shop local.

Deb stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was awesome, she didn't have to worry at all about the weather. She believed that it was the biggest turn out yet. She thanked many community members for their donations to the BABA for the Easter Egg hunt.

Deb stated that the City Wide Sales went well over 18 sales went on all over town and the Farmers Market is off to a great start.

Old Business

The Council discussed street lights on Shania Street. Wayne stated that Freeborn Mower Electric came a flagged the locations for two street lights. Both on Ports side of the road for electrical reasons. The poles would cost \$1400.00 dollars a piece, and roughly \$11.3/ per pole monthly for service and maintenance. Aaron Port asked the Council why it was being considered after so many years. The Council stated the Police Officer cited that it's for public safety concern. That he would prefer that they reconsider that, stating that its nice to sit out and have a bonfire and look up at the night sky and sees just the stars without any interference. The Council requested that this be tabled at this time for consideration.

Deb Smith addressed the Council and brought them the information they requested about the purchase of additional tables and chairs for the Community room. Deb found that Sam's Club was the most inexpensive option. **Council Member Schuette made a motion to purchase 2 8ft tables and 4 6ft tables and 24 chairs for the amount of \$888.00. Council Member Crabtree seconded the motion. 5 Yeas and 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Council also discussed the purchase of tablets to use for city business vs. paper copies and council books. Points of interest were the use of paper, the amount it would cost to purchase the tablets and needed programs, how long they would potential last, the internet issues in the building. Policy is having and using the tablets and the open meeting law. The council decided totable this subject again for further discussion. They would like the tech person from S&M controls to attend the next meeting.

New Business

The Council accepted a Park donation in the Memory of Myron Meier of Brownsdale for \$25.00 **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to adopt resolution 2019-5 accepting a donation from residents of Brownsdale the wish to remain anonymous for the amount of \$25.00, Council Member Bakken seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

The Council discussed National Night Out. The Council approved expenditure of no more than \$250.00 dollars for purchasing items to pass out on NNO. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to not exceed \$250.00 dollars to purchase pass out items for National night out. Council Member Smith Seconded the motion. 5Yeas 0 Nays. Carried.**

The council discussed setting a public hearing to designated addresses to some additional properties in town. **Council Member Crabtree made a motion to set a public hearing for June 3rd at 7:30pm. in Council Chambers. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried.**

Bills were presented and signed

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Council Member Schuette seconded the motion. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Adria Vargas; City Clerk/Treasurer

